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Laven language

Laven is a Mon–Khmer dialect cluster of southern Laos. Laven is the exonym given by the Laotian government, while the autonym of many of those speakers is **Jru'** [ɟruʔ]. Varieties are:

- **Jru'** (also spelled *Jruq)*
- **Juk**
- **Su'** (also spelled *Suq)*

Laven varieties are described in detail by Therapan L-Thongkum and Paul Sidwell (2003).

Laven	
Native to	Laos
Native speakers	30,000 (2007)[1]
Language family	Austroasiatic ▪ Bahnaric ▪ West ▪ **Laven**
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	Either: `lbo` – Jru' (Laven) (Yrou) `sqq` – Sou (Su')
Glottolog	`love1237 (http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/love1237)`[2]

Further reading

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